

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, and 8.

Below is a list of all claims with status identifiers.

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A method of dechlorinating fluid, comprising the steps of:

connecting a by-pass integrated dechlorination device to a fluid flow source;

flowing fluid through said [a] dechlorination device along a flow path;

diverting a portion of said fluid through a bypass in the dechlorination device;

exposing said proportion of said fluid to a dechlorination agent in the bypass; and

merging said proportion of said fluid back into said fluid flow path.

Claim 2 (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

controlling the amount of fluid diverted through said bypass via a valve.

Claim 3 (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said dechlorination agent is contained in a removable [reservoir in the bybass] agent mixing chamber.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein said removable [reservoir] agent mixing chamber is removable from said dechlorination device without removing said dechlorination device from said fluid flow path.

Claim 5 (Original) A device for dechlorinating fluid, comprising:

a flow tube;

a bypass in fluid communication with said flow tube, wherein said bypass diverts a proportion of said fluid from said flow tube to said bypass; and

a dechlorination agent reservoir in said bypass.

Claim 6 (Original) The device of Claim 5, further comprising:

a control valve, said control valve regulating the proportion of said fluid entering said bypass.

Claim 7. (Original) The device of Claim 5, wherein said dechlorination agent reservoir further comprises an agent mixing chamber.

Claim 8 (Currently amended) The device of Claim 7, wherein said [dechlorination agent reservoir] agent mixing chamber is selectively removable from said dechlorination device without removing said dechlorination device from said fluid path.

Claim 9 (Original) The device of Claim 7, wherein said agent mixing chamber further comprises a dechlorination agent.

Claim 10 (Original) The device of Claim 6, wherein said control valve controls the amount of said dechlorination agent added to said fluid.

Claim 11 (Original) The device of Claim 5, wherein said by-pass further comprises:

an inlet tube; and

an outlet tube.

Claim 12 (Original) The device of Claim 11, wherein said inlet tube is angled toward the direction of fluid flow through said flow tube.

Claim 13 (Original) The device of Claim 11, wherein said outlet tube is angled away from the direction of fluid flow through said flow tube.

Claim 14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Original) The device of Claim 11, further comprising:

a first dechlorinating agent connecting tube; and

a second dechlorinating agent connecting tube, wherein said first dechlorinating agent connecting tube connects said inlet tube to said dechlorinating agent reservoir and wherein said second dechlorinating agent connecting tube connects said outlet tube to said dechlorinating agent reservoir.

Claim 18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Original) The device of Claim 17, wherein said first and second dechlorinating agent connecting tubes are made of hard piping and are mounted to said dechlorinating agent reservoir.

Conclusion

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all the Claims are now in a condition for immediate allowance. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Any arguments of the Examiner not specifically addressed herein should not be deemed admitted, conceded, waived, nor acquiesced by Applicant. The other prior art of record is noted but not specifically responded to since it is not cited against Applicant's claimed invention.

A postcard is enclosed evidencing receipt of this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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